

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 4/11/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-12.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the amendment filed 4/11/2005.
2. Claims 1-6 has been cancelled, and claims 7-12 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 7-12 are allowed.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
With regard to independent claim 7, the prior art of record fails to disclose an LED lighting and flashing apparatus having an hollow body, an internal circuit, a power supply, a first switch, configured as claimed, wherein a solid-state flashing circuit, electrically connected to a second set of fewer than all of the LED lights, wherein said second set of LED lights are different from said first set of LED lights and wherein said second set of LED lights are pulsed at a programmed rate to create a visual effect when a second switch is energized; a second switch, electrically connected to said power supply, said flashing circuit and said second set of LED lights to pulse said second set of LED lights at a programmed rate to create a visual elect; and a means for bypassing said second switch and flashing circuit, including a bypass wire, wherein said bypassing means may be utilized to light up all of said LED lights. Claims 8-12 depend from claim 7. Therefore, claims 7-12 are patentable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

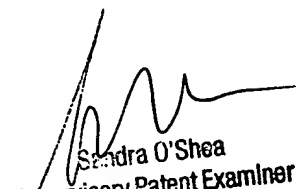
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Guiyoung Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-2374. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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